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In re patent application of

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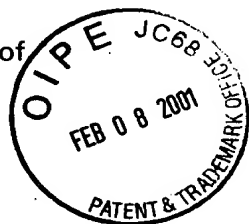
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claim:

12. (Amended) The antileukemic agent according to claim 10, wherein the substance is a fragment of a monoclonal antibody, a peptide or a low molecular weight compound [of a monoclonal antibody].

REMARKS

Support for the claim amendment can be found in the specification, e.g., pages 15-16.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendment prior to the examination on the merits of the instant application. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the pending application or this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.